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Super Sunday

DPS Sgt. Chuck Herrera stands watch on the sideline of the New York Giants during Super Bowl XLII. The game, which pitted the NFC Champion Giants against the, then, undefeated AFC Champion New England Patriots turned out to be the most watched Super Bowl in the 42-year history of the game. DPS played a major role in securing the game and related events.

DPS plays key role in ensuring safety of Super Bowl, related events

by Kellen Chavez
Digest Staff Writer

On Feb. 3, 2008, the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale hosted arguably one of the better Super Bowls in the storied history of the game.

Over 71,000 fans in attendance and millions upon millions more watched on television as the 18-0 New England Patriots battled the underdog New York Giants to put the final stamp on their perfect season.

But it was not meant to be.

Eli Manning led a gutsy drive and all but sealed the victory when his touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress put the Giants ahead, 17-14, with less than a minute left on the clock.

Perfection, with Super Bowl XLII serving as good evidence, is not something easily attained, but DPS, as part of the first unified police command in the history of the Super Bowl, was a large part of a nearly perfect event and week law enforcement and public safety-wise.

DPS and over 40 other separate agencies coordinated public safety and law enforcement efforts from 8 a.m. on Jan. 25 until the closing of the Joint Operations Center at 5 p.m. the day after the game on Feb. 4.

In all, over 930 public safety personnel were deployed in and around the stadium on game day with DPS supplying over 350 of its own personnel.

The extravaganza went for an entire week before the actual game with NFL-sanctioned events all over the Phoenix-area. The Department dedicated more than 450 law enforcement officers and support personnel to these related events alone to ensure they took place safely.

The different events that ranged from the NFL Experience, which was set up in the University of Phoenix Stadium parking lot, to NFL-sanctioned parties and events actually helped the unified command prepare even better for game day.

DPS Cmdr. Mike Orose, who served as

public safety liaison to the NFL, said, "It worked out very well because of the way that the events were scheduled. There were very few events in the early part of the week and because we had just moved into the unified command area, it gave us an opportunity to work through the minor issues."

Orose also added it was a challenge just getting the 40 different agencies set up and operational in the Joint Operations Center (JOC).

But once protocol was established, having so many different agencies in such close working proximity helped everything run much more efficiently.

The JOC provided a working environment that was able to solve problems and work out contingency plans for even unforeseen potential concerns.

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From Director Roger L. Vanderpool's *Vantage Point*



It is common American knowledge that the Super Bowl is hands down one of the most anticipated and watched television events each year.

Fans dish out thousands of dollars for a seat at the game and advertisers spend millions for just 30 seconds of television commercial air time during the event.

The game is a staple of American sports culture and each one carries with it a piece of history.

Super Bowl XLII, which passed through Glendale the first weekend in February, brought with it potential that had not been seen in 35 years.

Not only did the game add another chapter to the epic city rivalry between New York and Boston, but the New England Patriots had a chance to complete the first undefeated season since the Miami Dolphins did it in 1972.

As a result, Super Bowl XLII had the highest television ratings, surpassing Super Bowl XXX which was also held in Arizona, in the history of the game.

Moreover, this Super Bowl drew the second-largest television audience in history for a measured sports or entertainment program.

As a key part of the first unified law enforcement and public safety command in the history of the Super Bowl, the Arizona Department of Public Safety played a vital role in ensuring complete public safety was realized at the high-profile game and at the various events leading up to it.

The entire world was watching, and this agency helped guarantee viewers and attendees had no distractions or safety issues to worry about beyond the action on the field.

I am very proud of the work done by everyone involved in the effort, especially DPS Cmdrs. Mike Orose, James McGuffin and Sgt. Stephen Harrison.

Thanks to the work of all DPS personnel and the various other agencies involved, the unified command concept, which NFL officials were wary of at first, is now the model that the league wants for future security operations pertaining to the Super Bowl.

This is a compliment not only to all of the men and women at DPS, but to the various public safety agencies in Arizona who proved that working together in a "unified" fashion will always be the best way to ensure public safety.

On an agency-specific note, it was very thrilling for me to know the entire world was able to see our tan uniforms and "Smokies" on the sideline and the field while also realizing this would not have been the success it was without everyone else at DPS who was working behind the scenes.

For the record Collision study shows big reduction in fatal accidents

The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) recently released results of traffic crash data within the agency's jurisdiction.

The study revealed that fatalities were reduced by nearly 25 percent in 2007 compared to 2006. Specifically, there were 100 fewer fatal crashes and 133 less fatal victims in 2007 within the Department's jurisdiction. These numbers were also the lowest since 1998.

Additionally, the Department recorded significant decreases in alcohol-related fatal and property damage crashes, commercial vehicle fatal and property crashes, and overall crashes in 2007. These declines occurred during a period of time when Arizona vehicle registrations and vehicle miles traveled increased.

With the increased staffing levels provided by the governor and legislature, the men and women of DPS have been more able to focus enforcement efforts toward aggressive driving, impaired driving and illegal drug interdiction which have made the state's highways safer, said DPS Director Roger Vanderpool.

Additionally, tougher DUI laws and the 30-day vehicle impoundment law have proven effective in improving highway safety.

DPS to upgrade e-mail system

DPS is upgrading its Lotus Notes e-mail system to a more current edition. The current version is over 12 years old. Part of the agency's plan to improve e-mail performance includes server, and user, upgrades.

Using a tested and trusted plan, DPS will gradually upgrade to the most current version of Lotus Notes, version 8.02, within the next 12 months.

The first step is to upgrade from version 6.02 to version 6.5.6, which will offer many improvements by itself. Employees will be able to use any web browser for iNotes, including FireFox and Internet Explorer 7. Users will also be able to flag e-mails for follow-up, and e-mail will run faster and much more smoothly.

Upgrades will begin with the iNotes server, and will be made in groups. Employees will be informed when it is their time to upgrade.

Any questions can be answered by calling Operations at ext. 2421.

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DPS Deputy Director David Felix (left) and DPS Director Roger Vanderpool prior to the game

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Earlier in the week leading up to the game, the state experienced heavy rains that threatened flooding and transportation issues around the state.

Orose said, "We already had everybody in that one area [the JOC] and we were able to deal with emergency management people and come up with some plans in case the weather created significant problems.

"So this unified command, even though it was built to deal with the Super Bowl and Super Bowl-related issues, was utilized to come up with some contingency plans for other events."

In addition, the Fiesta Bowl, which was held a month earlier in the same venue, served as a practice run for all of the interoperable radio communications and other communications needs of public safety and law enforcement personnel inside the stadium.

"It was really just good practice for security and law enforcement inside the stadium and for communications both wireless and interagency. And that worked beautifully, we didn't have any communications issues whatsoever which was wonderful

considering all of the different agencies that needed to communicate with each other in real-time," said Orose.

Each agency was able to carry those flawless communications capabilities into the Super Bowl as well, producing an event with no incidents beyond what normally happens at an NFL game.

Other than a parking lot that opened up late, initially causing a back up on the off-ramp and onto the freeway, and an injury collision that occurred on the Loop 101 near the venue, everything inside and outside the venue went according to plan.

The overcast weather and potential for rain also kept additional crowds at the nearby Westgate City Center to a lower number than expected.

Although the NFL was originally apprehensive about allowing more than one agency to take command of public safety for the Super Bowl, Orose said the unified command drew great praise from NFL officials once the event was over.

He said, "When all of this was over and done with, two longstanding members of NFL Security out of New York stated that this was one of the best planned Super Bowls they've ever seen, especially from a law enforcement and public safety perspective, and

they are completely sold on this unified command concept."

Orose added that while he is quite pleased with how everything turned out, the review process is underway to examine and learn from this process to prepare should the Super Bowl be held in Arizona again in the future.

He said, "Currently we're working on an action plan to examine what things worked really well and what did not.

"If we're going to put something like this together again in the future, we will know what we need to do again and what we need to change to ensure law enforcement operations run even better."

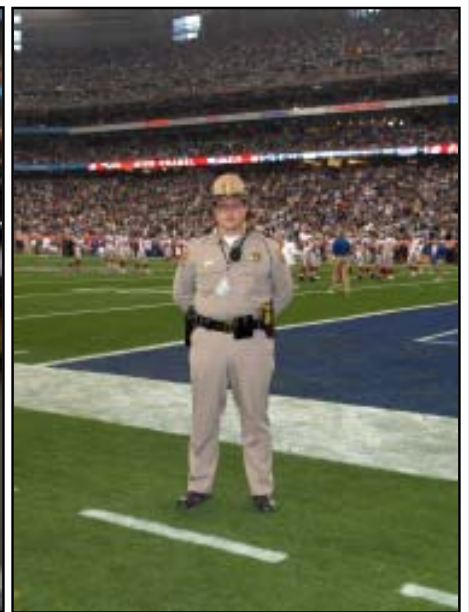
But from the executive steering committee to the planning committee to the ground forces working the game and surrounding the Super Bowl events, Orose offered nothing but praise with how each agency handled its respective responsibilities.

"Overall, I could not be happier with the cooperation and the collaborative effort of all the different agencies. Whether it was state, city, county or federal agencies, all brought to the table willingness to do whatever it took to make this a safe and enjoyable event for everybody attending the Super Bowl and related events," he said.

A closer look at the role DPS played in securing Super Bowl XLII

Photographs by Gary Keltz and Dick Parkans of the DPS Photo Lab







Letters

Dear Director Vanderpool:

In the early hours of Nov. 14, 2007, I was driving northbound on Loop 101 from Tempe to my mother and father's home in Phoenix. I was stopped by Officer Jeremy Logan of DPS for a minor traffic violation.

Officer Logan was extremely kind and professional. He explained the reason for the stop and I was clearly responsible for the violation. Logan chose to give me a warning, for which I was grateful.

I thanked Officer Logan for his kindness then told him I had learned only a few minutes earlier that my father had just died at home. Unfortunately, at that moment I broke down. I am sure this was uncomfortable for Officer Logan. He was very understanding and sympathetic. He offered his help and said he was sorry about my father.

I have been a Phoenix police officer for more than 22 years, the majority of that time has been in the Traffic Bureau. I have always had an enormous amount of respect for your officers. DPS officers do what I know is a very dangerous job, patrolling busy freeways and stopping violators, often times in the middle of nowhere.

Logan's actions were in keeping with the high standards DPS regularly exhibits.

Walter Olsen
Tempe, AZ

Dear Director Vanderpool:

I write this letter on behalf of the mayor, city council and residents of the city of Douglas as both a thank you and commendation for the services of DPS Lt. Angel Leos who recently served as our interim police chief.

Lt. Leos, in his short time with us, kept the department functioning with high morale, interacted positively with residents and maintained the stable work environment while the city transitioned to a new chief. Specifically, he was instrumental in having our evidence storage and RICO funds audited and assisted me in assessing some of our critical public safety processes. He also

assisted the city with its police chief search process. Lt. Leos was able to accomplish much while building a rapport with members of the police and other departments within the city. So much so, that many of the city wanted me to try to steal him away from DPS. However, he is loyal to DPS and speaks very highly of you and the Department.

I must also add that Deputy Director David Felix was instrumental in assisting the city throughout the interim/transition process. Both of these men serve and represent DPS with distinction. We thank you and DPS for loaning the city such competent and outstanding police professionals during our successful transition.

Curtis A. Shook
Douglas City Manager

Dear Director Vanderpool:

I am writing to commend the efficiency and helpfulness of the men who worked during our car fire last year.

On Dec. 21, 2007, my husband and I were pulling our small camper down Interstate 10 hoping for a nice Christmas holiday in Patagonia. Just north of Eloy, the truck caught fire. A highway patrolman arrived

even before I finished calling 9-1-1.

The first arriving officer checked with us to make sure we were OK. Then he tried to use his fire extinguisher on the fire, but wasn't able to get directly at the source of the fire with the hood already closed.

The next thing he, and a few others who had arrived, did was what really touched me. They asked my husband to unhitch the camper from the truck. They then picked up the camper hitch and pushed it 12 feet back from the truck. They ensured, with their own bare hands and the strength of their backs, that our camper would not get damaged. An officer then used his truck to pull the camper even farther away.

Each officer we talked with was friendly and understanding that this was a tough thing for us – but also understanding how blessed we were to be alive and unhurt. I think this kind of behavior shows that the people who choose to be in public service are those who are truly giving.

I don't know who they were, but if you might be able to ensure they see this letter I would appreciate it. God bless you all.

Kristin and John Jacobsen
Dewey, AZ



Arizona Department of Public Safety

DPS promotes 'Move Over' law at Nov. 29 press conference

On Nov. 29, 2007, the Department held simultaneous press conferences at its Phoenix and Tucson headquarters to increase awareness of the 'Move Over' law, which was implemented in 2005.

Director Roger Vanderpool represented the Department in Phoenix while Deputy Director David Felix represented the agency in Tucson. Both had the representation and support of other public safety agencies from the respective cities including the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Phoenix Fire Department, the Phoenix Police Department and the South Tucson Police Department.

The 'Move Over' law mandates that motorists in Arizona safely merge to an adjacent lane on roadways with two or more lanes proceeding in the same direction when police or emergency personnel are stopped near or on the road.

The law recognizes that traffic does not always allow drivers to safely move to a neighboring lane. In this event, drivers are required to reduce speed and proceed with extreme caution.

To help alert drivers, ADOT has placed 22 large signs along highways throughout the state that read: move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles.

Vanderpool said, "We at DPS have lost far too many officers over the years that died after being struck by passing vehicles while they were performing their jobs by the side of the road.

"We thank our partners at ADOT for helping us educate the public about the importance of observing the 'Move Over' law through these new signs."

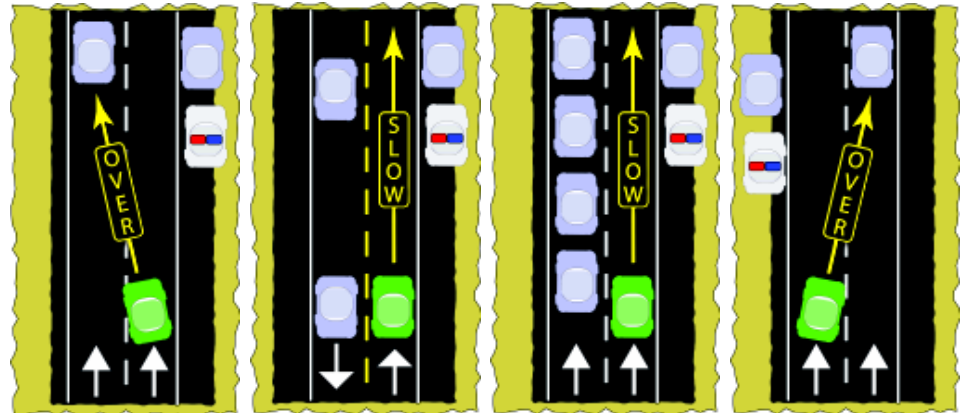
ADOT Director Victor Mendez said, "In

Director Vanderpool presents appreciation plaque to JCL Hospital

Director Roger Vanderpool presented a plaque of appreciation to John C. Lincoln (JCL) Hospital North Mountain, in Phoenix, on Dec. 20, for the hospital's longtime dedication in medical care to the Department.

JCL Chief Executive Officer Rhonda Forsyth accepted the plaque on behalf of the hospital and its Cowden Center, a facility available to the family, coworkers and friends of injured or sick DPS employees.

The JCL staff provides food, drinks and other forms of immeasurable assistance and keeps the Cowden Center open as long as needed for family and friends of the ailing DPS employee.



Move over

(Above) One of the 22 signs placed strategically throughout the state to spread the message to drivers to move over for law enforcement and emergency vehicles. (Below) Illustrations of how drivers should react to different situations and still be in accordance with the 'Move Over' law.

adhering to moving over and slowing down we can become lifesavers ourselves."

He added, however, that the 22 signs

can only do so much and it is ultimately the driver's responsibility to be attentive and abide by the law on his or her own.



Thankful

DPS Director Roger Vanderpool presents a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Department to John C. Lincoln Hospital Chief Executive Officer Rhonda Forsyth. The plaque reads, "To the Staff and Management of John C. Lincoln North Mountain Hospital, in appreciation of your continuous efforts to serve our officers and their families with the utmost compassion in our greatest times of need."

DPS braces to for possible cutbacks due to state's 2008 deficit

Gov. Janet Napolitano announced Jan. 3, that the state faces a budget deficit of \$870 million for the coming year.

DPS Budget Officer Phil Case said, "The economic slowdown is primarily tied to problems in the housing market but may also be linked to other factors such as high energy costs."

The particulars about how the deficit will affect DPS remain unclear, however.

The state had originally been projected to enjoy 8 percent growth in 2007. Instead, revenues remained flat along the lines of 2006.

In order to address the matter, Napolitano and legislative leaders agreed to hold early budget hearings prior to the start of the actual legislative sessions.

The Department appeared before a joint meeting of the Senate and House Appropria-

tions Committees on Jan. 8 and also had its budget hearing for fiscal year 2009 on Jan. 22.

Case said, though, that not much came of the meetings with respect to how the Department will or will not have to make cutbacks in the coming year.

He added, "It is likely that we [DPS] will face modest cuts to new programs and that some monies from certain dedicated funding will be swept and deposited into the state's General Fund."

"The bottom line is that we are several weeks to a couple months away from a resolution to the problem."

The governor's 2008 budget management plan calls for the deficit to be handled through three different strategies, hoping that each will chip away at the debt.

Those steps are state agency budget savings, K-12 capital financing and utilization of the state's Rainy Day Fund.

Napolitano also outlined five limits to the current and future strategies to deal with the deficit.

The integral functions of Arizona government will not be compromised. She recommends that spending reductions be made on an agency-by-agency and program-by-program basis rather than making cuts across the board.

All facets of the Arizona education system are exempt from spending reductions. Programs that service Arizona's children and vulnerable adults are exempt from spending reductions. Finally, reductions will only be made on past precedents and accepted budgetary practices.

Clever packing can't keep officers from finding large load of weed



Hollow plans

(Left) The seventeen bails of marijuana found packaged in disguised crates (right) during a traffic stop for a simple mudflap violation. The drugs have a street value of around \$250,000.

by Kellen Chavez
Digest Staff Writer

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers seized over 450 pounds of creatively hidden marijuana out of a semitrailer on the night of Jan. 14.

A simple traffic stop led to the discovery of 17 bails of dope hidden in crates covered in cut outs of actual boxes. These were the same boxes that made up the 16 other pallettes of actual juice aboard the truck.

Originally, Officer Nick Mitchell and Sgt. Bart Massey pulled over the semitrailer for a mudflap violation, which were too high above the road, northbound on Interstate 17 and

Union Hills in Phoenix.

Mitchell and Massey escorted the semi to a safer location near 23rd Avenue so they could conduct a more extensive evaluation of the truck and its load.

After thorough questioning, the driver, Keith Bailey, who has since been taken into custody, gave the officers permission to search the truck's load.

Of the 20 pallettes stacked with Little Hug Daily Juice Products, four turned out to be mere disguises for transporting marijuana.

Massey said, "This is not the most sophisticated disguise that I've seen, but it is very creative."

He added that the crates would likely be used for training officers to show yet another example of the lengths drug dealers will go in order to disguise and transport their drugs for distribution.

Bailey told the officers that he was on his way to New York to deliver the drugs.

Massey estimated the worth of the drugs, in Arizona, to be around \$250,000.

He added that, had the drugs been able to make it to their destination, they would have sold for about double their Arizona street value.

The other 16 pallettes, stacked four by four with legitimate boxes of juice, were donated to the Salvation Army.

Single-car DUI collision comes to a very thorny conclusion

Sometimes people drive drunk and get away with it. Sometimes people drive drunk and end up with a cactus in their front seat.

During the early-morning hours on Nov. 10, 2007, Metro Central officers responded to a DUI-related, single-vehicle collision that occurred on northbound State Route 51 near Shea Boulevard.

The driver and passenger had abandoned the vehicle, which officers found with the front windshield caved in and two large chunks of Saguaro cactus in the front seat.

Most of the car's interior was covered in thorns, including the full and empty beer cans that littered the vehicle's floor.

In addition to the driver's side windshield, the dashboard was smashed and the steering wheel was bent.

The specifics of the crash provide a case study to just how bizarre and dangerous accidents can be when the driver is severely impaired.

In this case, the driver had lost control of his vehicle as he exited the freeway, jumped the curb at the top of the ramp and entered the first median. The driver decided to continue down the 150-foot scenic route the median offered, knocking over more than 20 desert plants and cacti.

Near the end of the median, the car finally hit a mature Saguaro, which crashed



An unexpected passenger

This is what the inside of a vehicle looks like when an impaired individual drives through a mature Saguaro cactus. The cactus crashed through the driver's side windshield and left the driver and passenger with nasty scratches. Both survived.

through the driver's side windshield striking the driver in his face, chest and arms.

Hardly finished, the car swerved back across the northbound lanes, jumped the center divider, crossed two more lanes and took out another five plants in a different

median before crashing into the on-ramp wall.

Officers and firefighters found the driver and passenger hiding nearby. Both were transported to a local hospital to be treated for their injuries and are now facing several DUI and DUI-related charges.

Jerry Spencer retires from DPS after more than 30 years of service

Jerry Spencer retired from DPS on Dec. 28, 2007, after serving the agency for 30 years.

Spencer began his career with the Department on April 3, 1977. After graduating at the top of his academy class he was assigned to the Highway Patrol, District 5, working the Phoenix metropolitan freeways.

In 1979, he was assigned to the night motor squad and worked special details in Parker, Quartzsite, Sedona and other locations throughout the state.

In 1981, Spencer was assigned to Intelligence, Organized Crime squad.

He was involved in numerous organized crime investigations including Mafia cases, white-collar fraud and embezzlement cases and cases involving public and police corruption.

Spencer also served on the SWAT team, the fugitive team and worked in an undercover intelligence capacity during the Morenci mine strike in the early 1980s.

In 1985, he was promoted to sergeant

and assigned to the Special Service Bureau. There, Spencer implemented the first DPS program to administer the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds.

He also worked closely with the director of the newly established Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to develop policies for the commission and helped establish the ACJC crime victim programs.

Spencer worked with nonprofit organizations as the only law enforcement representative to help draft Arizona's victims rights legislation.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1989. His duties as a lieutenant varied greatly and included assignments in Human Resources, acting chief of police for the Snowflake-Taylor Police and the Capitol Police Departments, Law Enforcement Merit System Council (LEMSC) Business Manager, liaison to the ADOT Traffic Management Center and District Commander for both the Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigations.

Over the years, Spencer served on nu-



Jerry Spencer

merous committees, drafted the Department's first Peer Counseling Guidelines and led numerous CETF Response and Arrest teams. After four years of night school, he earned an MBA degree from ASU-West.

Peter Sadler retires from DPS after serving for more than 31 years

Peter Sadler retired from DPS on Dec. 28, 2007, after 31 years of service.

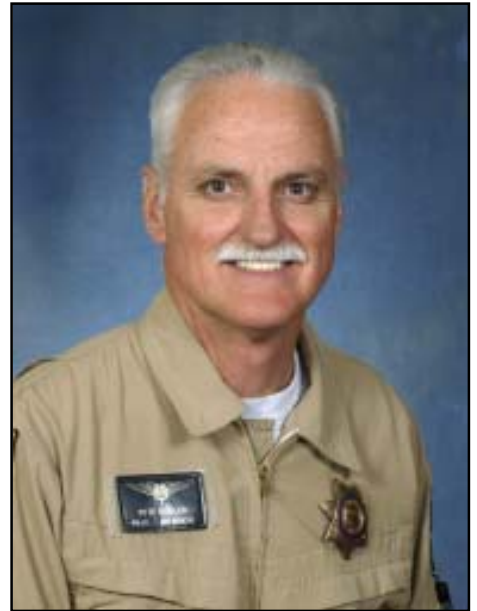
Sadler began his career with the Department as a cadet officer on Oct. 3, 1976. After completing training at the Phoenix Headquarters Training Facility, he was promoted to officer and was assigned to Highway Patrol District 7, in Superior.

In January 1978, Sadler was reclassified as a rotary wing pilot and transferred to the newly formed Tucson Air Rescue Unit. At the close of 1989, he transferred to Flagstaff Air Rescue where he remained for the rest of his DPS career.

During his long, distinguished career as an air rescue pilot, Sadler received many commendations and awards for his actions during search and rescue missions. In 1983, he received a Letter of Commendation from the director for his part in saving the life of a citizen who walked into the spinning tail rotor of Ranger 29.

In 1988, he received the Meritorious Service Award for assisting in the transport of a 14-year-old boy to Tucson Medical Center, after medical personnel at a hospital in an outlying community failed to note the seriousness of his injuries. The director of Trauma Services stated that the boy survived because of the persistence of the flight crew.

On Jan. 18, 1999, Sadler was called upon to assist in the rescue of a hiker who was stranded on a narrow ledge on a 500-foot cliff face near Sedona. His expertise in flight operation situations enabled him to hover the helicopter dangerously close to the cliff face while a rescuer, who was attached to a 100-foot rope beneath the helicopter, attached himself with a rescue device to the hiker. In recognition of his actions during this rescue, Sadler was awarded the Director's Citation for Professional Excellence.



Peter Sadler

After 38 years of service, Dick Wells retires from the Department

Dick Wells retired from the Department on Jan. 31 after 38 years of service.

Wells began his career with this agency on March 1, 1969 as a police clerk working as a dispatcher prior to the official formation of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

In July 1970, he transferred to the training staff working as a cadet trainee and became an officer on Aug. 1, 1971, assigned to Salome in District 4.

In 1976, Wells transferred to the Motors Division in Phoenix. He promoted to senior patrol officer in 1979 and worked a

two-month fugitive detail in 1982.

In 1983, he was transferred to District 1, St. George, Utah, where he completed his career.

In the fall of 1993, Wells promoted to officer III. He was recognized with the District Officer of the Year Award in 1977, 1987 and 1991. Wells said, however, that his most fulfilling assignment was serving in the Jacob Lake area of District 1 from 1997 to 2006.

Wells was a member of the DPS Football Team from 1976-1980, playing linebacker and defensive end.



Dick Wells

Dave Wright retires from the Department after 30 years of service

David Wright retired from the agency on Jan. 31 after 30 years of service.

Wright joined the Department on April 3, 1977. Upon graduation from the Highway Patrol Academy, he was assigned to the Highway Patrol in Phoenix.

Wright served as a highway patrolman until 1981 when he was assigned to the DEA Narcotics Task Force. Wright received Director's Unit Citations in 1985 and 1988 for his work with this task force.

He also received Director's Unit Citations in 1993 for outstanding performance in organized crime and intelligence and in 2007 for a money laundering investigation.

Wright served as Arizona state coordinator for FinCEN Project Gateway, a federal program designed to provide bank secrecy

to states, from 1996 until his retirement.

He was the Arizona statewide manager for all project users and acted as the liaison officer between FinCEN and the State of Arizona. Wright created an investigative model, which is in the process of being introduced nationwide and has resulted in the seizure of approximately \$7,000,000.

From 1992-2006, he served as the Criminal Investigations Division supervisor in a multi-agency financial crimes task force located at the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Wright was also the coordinator for DPS' Peer Services Program from 1994-1998.

For the last 18 months of his career, Wright was the detective sergeant of a multi-agency narcotics task force in Show Low.



Dave Wright

Kyle DeForest's shooter sentenced to nearly 40 years in prison

Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced Jan. 25 that 20-year-old Daniel Novasad was sentenced to nearly 40 years in prison for the 2007 shooting of DPS Officer Kyle DeForest.

Thomas said, "Our office is pleased Officer DeForest has recovered. We are also pleased that the man who attacked this public servant will be spending a very long time behind bars."

The shooting occurred on July 5, 2007. Novasad was driving a stolen motorcycle when DeForest began pursuit near U.S. 60 and State Route 101 in Sun City.

After stopping, Novasad fled on foot and shot at DeForest six times, hitting him

four times.

Novasad was caught and arrested four days later.

DeForest recovered from the attack and recently returned to full-time patrol duties in the Phoenix-area.

DeForest started as a police communications dispatcher and has been a DPS officer for over five years.

Novasad pled guilty on Nov. 30, 2007, to aggravated assault on a police officer, misconduct involving weapons, theft, unlawful flight from a law enforcement officer and residential burglary.

Novasad's official sentence is 39.5 years in prison.



Kyle DeForest

DPS spreads holiday joy, hands out Christmas bears to children



Christmas bears

(Upper Left) DPS Officers Mark Encsio (left) and Lenny Jimenez pass out Christmas Bears at Holy Cross Hospital in Nogales, Ariz. The teddy bears were donated by the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona and were part of the traditional DPS effort to brighten the days of children who are hospitalized during Christmas. DPS officers and personnel from around the state participated in the program throughout December and delivered bears to children hospitalized in various medical facilities throughout the state. (Left) DPS Officer Quentin Mehr, dressed as Santa, delivers a teddy bear to a hospitalized child at a Tucson-area hospital. Mehr said it was very moving to look into the eyes of each child receiving a bear because, for one moment, the pain of each child's illness seemed to leave while the joys of the Christmas season touched them. (Above) Sgt. Tim Mason helped deliver bears along with other DPS officers to Phoenix Children's Hospital the weekend before Christmas.





Plunge for Special Olympics

On a chilly morning in mid-February, a team of DPS employees joined together in an effort to raise funds for Special Olympics Arizona by participating in this state's first ever Polar Plunge. Such plunges are a long-standing winter tradition throughout much colder areas of the United States and involve groups of individuals voluntarily plunging into icy cold waters for specific causes. Teams throughout Arizona ran, jumped and plunged into frosty waters while dressed in outrageous costumes to raise money for Special Olympics during the event. The DPS Dunkers, whose members took their plunges at Mesa's SunSplash Waterpark, came out as the top fund-raising team, raising \$2,501 in pledges. In total, more than \$15,000 was raised for Special Olympics Arizona athletes through the inaugural event. (Group Photo, Left to Right) Officer Cherie Klavitter (coffee cup), Chief Mike Longman (donut), Jake and AJ Cibik (clown and muscle kid; not sure which is which-sons of Officer Laurie Latham); Officer Hugh Grant (Hooters Girl), Officer Darien Chavez (donut), Riley Chavez (Hawaiian kid - son of Officer Darien Chavez), Detective Mike Clark (other Hawaiian guy), and DPS Director Roger Vanderpool in back as the carton of milk. In the bottom photo, the DPS plunge team makes their way into the chilly water. Note DPS Director Roger Vanderpool (the milk carton) slowly easing his way into the cold water. Each plunger had their own approach. At one point, each DPS team member was completely submerged in the cold water.

FBINAA Corner

A representative from the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) will be furnishing information to *The Digest* every other month as a means of keeping DPS National Academy graduates and associates informed of current events.

The information will be posted in this new "FBINAA Corner" of *The Digest*.

As part of this month's "FBINAA Corner," it should be noted that the first FBINAA luncheon of the year will be held in Tucson on Feb. 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the McKale Center Hall of Champions.

The luncheon will be \$10 at the door. Please contact DPS Lt. Mark Remsey if you

plan on attending this event by sending him an e-mail at jremsey@azdps.gov.

On March 14, at 5:00 p.m., a free FBINAA barbeque will be held at Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale. This is an appreciation event and a membership drive. Come on out and bring a friend.

The FBINAA spring training will be in Lake Havasu April 16 through April 18. Topics will be the Interstate 35 bridge collapse in Minnesota, the Mexican Cartel and the author of "Black Hawk Down."

More information will follow. If you have any questions or need registration information, please contact Remsey at the e-mail address listed above.

It is that time of the year. Please do not forget to pay your annual dues.



DPS' CORE Unit bridges gap between agency and the media



Planning for a media frenzy

Members of the DPS Community Outreach and Education (CORE) Unit prepare for the media frenzy that followed an Oct. 11 anti-gang operation in Pinal County involving DPS. From left is Video Productions Supervisor Ruben Chavez, DPS Lt. James Warriner (who commands the CORE Unit), Public Information Officer Harold Sanders, and Publications Support Specialist Kellen Chavez.

by Kellen Chavez
Digest Staff Writer

He is always the first one at work and always the last one to leave. Actually, Marcelo never leaves the office.

Standing three feet tall with a smile permanently fixed upon his face, he never passes up an opportunity to surprise members of the Department's Community Outreach and Education (CORE) Unit.

The only catch, however, is that Marcelo, while impeccably dressed in his Highway Patrol uniform, is a ventriloquist doll.

Once used as a public relations tool, he has since retired to a form of stress management for members of CORE. No one knows if one morning they will open the door to their dark office only to be greeted by that fixed smile and open eyes.

But aside from the cheap scares and laughs that Marcelo provides, the doll represents a large part of what has made CORE so successful in the past year - cohesion, comfort and a fun, highly productive work environment within the unit.

Such a working environment helped CORE put together more press conferences and proactive media relations activities of all types in 2007 than the Department experienced in the previous three or four years

combined.

CORE has put on press conferences to, among other things, debut the agency's new photo enforcement program, increase awareness of the 'Move Over' law, highlight the groundbreaking for the Department's new Southern Regional Crime Lab, promote successful law enforcement operations conducted by GIITEM and announce a partnership with Miss Arizona aimed at increasing traffic safety.

In addition, CORE has corresponded with the local and, sometimes, national media on countless other hard and soft news stories concerning DPS.

Consisting of the Department's media relations personnel, video unit, marketing specialist and Digest staff, each member of CORE has cohesively contributed distinctive expertise in order to better publicize DPS.

Lt. James Warriner, who commands the unit after spending the last seven years in Human Resources, said, "It has been challenging just getting used to working with the different media outlets, but it's also exciting especially with the support of Director Vanderpool who strongly believes DPS should work with the media to get our agency's important messages and numerous success stories out to the public."

A History of CORE

After retiring from DPS as a lieutenant in 2000 and serving several years as the sheriff of Pinal County, Roger Vanderpool was reinstated by Gov. Janet Napolitano as DPS' Director in March 2005.

Just weeks after being sworn in, Vanderpool created CORE to help DPS create a better working relationship with the media.

He said in 2005, "I don't believe we have sold this agency enough. Marketing this agency ties in with a lot of other things we are doing and will play a major role in this agency's future."

The original framework for CORE, however, which encompassed the Department's Media Relations Unit, Video Productions Unit and Publications Unit, was scattered throughout the Department and, as a result, rarely collaborated on projects.

To form CORE, these organizational elements were brought together under one umbrella which has since expanded to include an additional public information officer (PIO), an additional staff writer for the Digest and a marketing specialist.

Harold Sanders and Bart Graves, two of the current PIOs, have each added inval-

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ably to the ways in which the Department can swiftly and efficiently deal with media requests while also promoting the agency in a positive manner.

RMIN Field Services Coordinator Marty Rios has even worked with CORE to help give interviews to the local Spanish-speaking media.

In December 2006, DPS hired John James, the first marketing specialist the Department has ever had. James brought with him an aggressive mindset and ability to promote the agency through various marketing products and strategies that has been invaluable and a first to the agency.

However, Sgt. Tim Mason, who supervised the unit's PIOs until recently accepting a special, temporary assignment in Training, is the man most responsible for turning the unit's potential envisioned by Vanderpool into reality.

A 13-year veteran of the Department, media relations was one of the last places Mason figured he would end up having spent a large part of his career in Highway Patrol and Criminal Investigations.

He welcomed the challenge to serve the agency in a different manner, though.

Mason said, "When I first came into this unit I don't think that we had as much of a proactive approach to supporting and highlighting the agency's efforts and work as we do now. And that was my one and only mission."

Under the direction of Rick Knight, who commanded the unit when he arrived, Mason was able to rise to the challenge of learning on the fly about a profession for which he had very little experience.

He said, "I learned a great deal from Rick Knight on how to really build relationships with the media. I think that's the biggest component. We've really built those relationships to the point where we give the media a story, and we give them the whole package."

"It's been amazing to get all of CORE working together."

With any major press conference, DPS now provides the media with professional packets that often include pictures and raw video footage of the event being publicized.

For "Operation: Enough is Enough," which targeted gang conflict in Pinal County in October, CORE embedded Video Produc-



CORE at work

RMIN Field Services Coordinator Marty Rios (top left) assists CORE by giving interviews about DPS related issues to local Spanish-speaking media outlets. DPS Sgt. Tim Mason (far right) has been a leading member of CORE's vital PIO function. In the bottom left portion of the photo collage are Publications Editor Jim Jertson (left) and Marketing Specialist John James who both provide a variety of services supporting CORE's mission.

tions Supervisor Ruben Chavez with the SWAT raids to be able to provide raw video for television outlets to use in nightly newscasts.

In addition to overhauling the media packets, James has also designed large visuals to flank the director and other DPS officials at the podium at each news conference.

The success of the unit can be measured in the volume of media requests Mason and his fellow PIOs receive each day.

He said, "When I came into the unit we would have between 150 to 200 media calls a month where the media was soliciting information about the Department and its activities. We now have times where we have a few hundred in a single day."

In the relatively short time he has spent in the unit, Warriner recognizes just how important CORE's positive relationship with the media is to the entire agency.

He said, "In one area, it keeps our citizens informed as to what we're doing and that we're out there using the monies that come to us to make it safer to live in the state of Arizona."

"But it's also a good way of informing legislators of our activities, especially during legislative sessions and times like this

where our agency is vying for funds along with all of the other state agencies."

An Addition from the Other Side

On Nov. 29, a gloomy day that threatened to rain out the local media, Bart Graves stood beside Vanderpool at DPS' Phoenix headquarters to hold a press conference to promote Arizona's 'Move Over' law.

The law is very important to the safety of law enforcement and emergency personnel who tend to matters on the sides of busy highways and roadways on a regular basis. The public as a whole, however, was still widely unaware this new law even existed.

Behind the scenes, though, the Nov. 29 news conference established a new standard for the CORE unit. Unlike anything the Department has ever undertaken, a simultaneous news conference was being held 100 miles south in Tucson.

Graves said, "We're trying not just to reach out to the Phoenix media, but expand the outreach of DPS to the Tucson and rural media markets in Arizona as well."

"Every community in the state is different and DPS is a statewide agency so we need to reach out and tailor our messages to different media markets accordingly. This office is doing just that."

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More than 25 years ago, Graves was starting his professional media career as a fresh graduate from Northern Arizona University.

Serving as a radio news director at such a young age in Flagstaff put Graves on the fast track to the larger Phoenix market.

He came to Phoenix a year and a half later in 1981 as the City Hall beat reporter for KTAR.

Over roughly the next 20 years, Graves moved throughout various media outlets in Phoenix working as a radio reporter, TV reporter, producer and anchor, evening radio anchor and even a brief six-month stint in Los Angeles to produce a pilot television show with syndicated radio host and close friend, Tom Leykis.

In 2005, after spending five years back in the Valley with KFYI, Graves gave up the media business and moved to the opposite side of the playing field.

In February 2005, Graves began working for the Arizona Department of Corrections as its media spokesman.

Graves said, "I wanted to use all of that knowledge I'd gained in over 20 years as a reporter and come to this side of the fence."

"I wanted to be somebody that they [other reporters] could feel comfortable with and that they knew that I was going to do my best to help them out and if I couldn't help them out I'd direct them to someone who could."

In August 2006, Graves headed up Gov. Napolitano's communication team for the state Democratic Party as she sought reelection after which he decided that DPS would be the next beneficiary of his services.

He said, "I remember the first time I talked with Director [Roger] Vanderpool about the job. We spent a solid hour and a half talking about what I would be doing and how much he needed someone with my background here."

Still, with his arrival in March 2007, Graves knew what he would bring to the table but was still unsure about how it would all work out.

DPS had its public information officers in Harold Sanders and Tim Mason, but neither had nearly the understanding of the Phoenix media machine that Graves did.

A strike against Graves, however, was that he had never worked in police fraternity



Bart Graves

or a full fledged law enforcement agency like that which is present at DPS.

"I came here with a decided disadvantage because I've never been a cop. I've covered them as a reporter and I've covered the criminal justice system but I was never trained as a cop so there were a lot of things that I had to learn about police procedure and specifically DPS policies and procedures that I really didn't have a clue about," he said.

Although he learned more by nature rather than nurture, Graves was soon able to contribute to the agency in ways it had never experienced.

He had the established relationships in the media that Mason valued and he had the work ethic to assimilate himself into an environment that is tough to break for an outsider.

"Fortunately I was able to work with people like Tim Mason, Harold Sanders and Jim Warriner that were very understanding of where I was coming from and what my background was and very accepting of me. And so while they know that there's a lot that I need to learn, in 10 months of being here there's a lot that I have learned," he said.

In addition to taking calls from the media a week out of the month, Graves is also responsible for writing a large number of the press releases that are sent to the media almost on a daily basis.

Warriner said, "He often writes one or two press releases a day and the information is getting out there and the press is taking that information and putting it out for the public to see."

As a result, DPS has been getting unprecedented media coverage of its positive daily activities, whether such activities involve a major drug seizure by a highway patrol officer or a major arrest made by a member of the agency's Criminal Investigations Division.

CORE and the Future

With CORE having already developed a viable, stable working relationship with the Phoenix media, the next step is to continue to enhance its efforts around the state.

The 'Move Over' press conference along with the Tucson Crime Lab groundbreaking and Kingman Photo Enforcement press conference have been the first steps in reaching the more rural areas of the state.

Warriner said, "We've done a great job of developing relationships within Maricopa County, and now we want to better expand our reach and presence in media markets located outside of the Maricopa County area."

The unit continues to enlist help of the Duty Office, which handles all basic media requests from the hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. that do not require the immediate attention of a PIO.

Mason said, "The Duty Office has done an amazing job, they handle thousands and thousands of requests for information from the media every month and they do it almost flawlessly."

He also added that the addition of full-time PIOs to the southern and northern parts of the state will only help the agency promote its image even more.

The unit's ultimate goal is to hold three to four press conferences a month. If the newsworthy information and events are not readily available, the situation simply calls for that proactive approach that Warriner, Mason, Sanders and Graves have each stressed.

Warriner said, "There are a lot of good things that officers and employees are doing in the state of Arizona. I'm sure we have a lot of officers that are involved in the community and working with sports groups and kids and involved in non-profit-type organizations, coaching football, baseball, those types of things.

"Well those are good human interest stories if you develop them and a lot of times the media will pick up on those and highlight our individual in the community and that lets the public know our officers and employees are committed to making Arizona a better place to live both on duty and off."

DPS holds photo enforcement press conference in Kingman

The Department officially introduced one of the first expansions to its two-year Photo Enforcement Program (PEP) to Kingman on the morning of Jan. 11.

Director Roger Vanderpool said, "The expansion to Kingman is one of our first steps to taking this program statewide."

In addition to Vanderpool, Cmdr. Tom Woodward and Lt. Ron DeLong were each on hand to field questions from the local media about the photo enforcement-equipped Ford Escapes that will enforce speed limits on State Route 95 and other roadways near Kingman.

Vanderpool reiterated that these mobile vans are merely a tool to help officers make Arizona's highways safer.

He said, "These vans are a tool to help prevent highly preventable accidents. They cannot help take impaired drivers or loads of drugs off the roads like officers can."

DeLong added that this is the first time that he is aware of photo enforcement vans being deployed in a rural area of the state.



Moving around the state

Director Roger Vanderpool speaks at a press conference for the agency's Photo Enforcement Program held outside DPS headquarters in Kingman on the morning of Jan. 11. This press conference was the first of its kind to be held in Kingman.

Officer Scott Tyman to represent DPS again in Police Unity Tour

DPS Officer Scott Tyman is gearing up to ride in his fourth Police Unity Tour, which sends off on May 10 from Richmond, Va.

The Police Unity Tour, which began in 1997 with just 18 New Jersey law enforcement officers, seeks to honor law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

The 230-mile ride, which now consists of over 1000 riders, ends in Washington D.C. on May 12 at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Tyman said, "The riders start from three different locations on the east coast and we end up meeting about 30 miles outside of the monument, and we ride two by two in a procession."

"Our arrival kicks off National Police Week in Washington D.C. and it is really an incredible sight."

Tyman, a recreational mountain biker since 1998, road in his first Police Unity Tour in 2005.

Each year he has ridden in honor of a different officer who has died in the line of duty. Thirty-one Arizona law enforcement officers will represent Arizona this year.

He said, "When you know officers who have passed away, the ride really personalizes it a lot."

Each rider must raise \$1,800 to partici-



Representing DPS

Officer Scott Tyman represents DPS in the annual Police Unity Tour, which helps to kick off National Police Week in Washington D.C. Funds raised will go towards the Tour and the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

pate, so Tyman is seeking donations and is also selling two-inch challenge coins to raise funds as well. Checks are tax deductible and should be made out to the Police Unity Tour. Tyman is assigned to:

Arizona Law Enforcement Academy
10001 S. 15th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85041, or MD 3950.

For any questions, please call Tyman at (602)495-0603.

DPS Sgt. Gary Durree prepares for 360-mile bicycle ride in May

On May 11, 2008, Arizona Department of Public Safety Sgt. Gary Durree and a small group of cyclists will embark on a 360-mile bicycle ride, Cycling for Survivors Tour 2008, that will start near the Arizona/New Mexico state line and end at the Arizona/California state line.

The purpose of the ride is to raise money for the 100 Club of Arizona, www.100club.org, and put the finishing touches on Durree's law enforcement career which has spanned nearly 34 years.

The event will take place in conjunction with National Police Week, May 11-17, 2008. The purpose of the tour will be to honor the memory of all Arizona fallen police officers and firefighters. In addition, the money raised will help to financially assist the families they left behind.

You can support this effort by donating a set amount or pledging so much per mile ridden. All costs associated with the effort will be the responsibility of the riders, and all donated funds will go directly to the 100 Club of Arizona. If you cannot commit to the ride, you can support the riders by agreeing to sponsor their efforts.

Go to www.100club.org or contact Durree at (520) 444-4654 for details.



Ride for a cause

DPS Sgt. Gary Durree rides his bike as part of the 2007 Cycling for Survivors Tour. Durree, who is approaching 34 years with the Department, plans to complete the 360-mile bike ride again this May in an effort to raise money for the 100 Club of Arizona.

Special Delivery

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Major Violators Unit was recently contacted by the Phoenix Immigration and Customs Enforcement Narcotics Unit and advised that a package, containing marijuana, was being shipped from Mexico to the Phoenix FedEx Receiving Center. The HIDTA Major Violators Unit worked with employees at the Phoenix FedEx Receiving Center and planned a controlled delivery featuring DPS Detective Arnold Stolz (left) dressed in an official FedEx Uniform and placards. After Stolz delivered the package, a search warrant was written for the receiving residence. Prior to the search warrant being signed, two vehicles arrived at the residence and the package containing the marijuana was placed into one of the vehicles. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and the package in question was discovered inside the vehicle, along with a handgun. A search warrant was served on the residence. Total seizures included 39 pounds of marijuana, a semi-automatic handgun, a shotgun and one vehicle. One felony arrest was made. Units from the Highway Patrol, the HIDTA Maricopa Methamphetamine Task Force and ICE assisted with the operation.



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Down the Highways

January 1973

Charlie Crawford registered the highest academic score and Doyle C. Freeman was the top student marksman among 36 cadets who were graduated from the Department's 21st academy Jan. 12 during ceremonies conducted at the Naval Reserve Training Center, Phoenix.

February 1978

DPS Sgt. Sam Fragala has been named supervisor of the Tucson DPS Air Rescue operation, which features a new \$370,000 helicopter.

The helicopter is an expanded version of the two currently in use at DPS. It will accommodate two litters, a sitting patient, a pilot and a paramedic, the *Digest* reported.

Five new pilots and five additional paramedics have been trained to implement operations in Tucson.

January 1983

The Arizona Supreme Court on Jan. 17 reversed the murder conviction of an Ajo man found guilty of killing DPS Officer John Walker during an undercover cocaine transaction at Tucson International Airport.

In a unanimous opinion, the Supreme Court ruled that Genero (Jerry) Celaya, 29, was entitled to a new trial because a Pima

County Superior Court judge failed to instruct the jury of a possible conviction for theft, a lesser crime than armed robbery.

Walker was shot and killed on Nov. 30, 1979, while working an undercover cocaine case. He was sitting in his car at Tucson International Airport when he was shot.

February 1988

Two men were charged with drug-related offenses after about \$1 million worth of cocaine was found in their car.

The two were arrested Feb. 10 after DPS Highway Patrol Officer Sandra Pritchett stopped their car on I-10 near Ash Fork because it had an expired license tag.

After Pritchett received permission to search the vehicle, she found eight kilos of cocaine in a travel bag.

The bust occurred about two weeks after Pritchett was named DPS' first woman officer of the year by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 32, Phoenix.

January 1993

Two suspects were arrested by Phoenix police officers in the shooting deaths of three Tucson residents whose bodies were found Jan. 11 by DPS Officer Brad Young.

Young found the bodies in a van that was parked along Interstate 10 near Picacho

Peak.

January 1998

An Interstate 10 traffic stop west of Phoenix Jan. 14 resulted in the discovery of 51.5 pounds of methamphetamine.

DPS Officer Kevin Jex told the Duty Office that after stopping the eastbound 1990 Nissan Maxima, he requested and received permission to search the vehicle.

Jex said he found the contraband hidden in a compartment located behind the front passenger seat.

Jex seized the meth, the vehicle, \$249 in cash and a cellular phone.

The meth was valued at about \$250,000.

February 1998

On Feb. 20, DPS Highway Patrol Officer Mike Prochko stopped a northbound motorhome about five miles north of the U.S./Mexico border on State Route 85.

After requesting and receiving permission to search the motorhome, Prochko told the Duty Office that he found 929 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$500,000, stacked in the rear of the vehicle.

Prochko arrested one suspect but a second one apparently made a successful run for the border leaving behind marijuana, motorhome and companion.